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Area police: Active shooter prep needed



IMPD spokesperson Genae Cook speaks with media about the FedEx shooting that left 9 dead, including the shooter, Friday. MYKAL MCCLENDON/VEIN/ISTAR

Law enforcement say they're available for training at businesses, churches

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EVANSVILLE — The spate of mass shootings across the United States reached Indiana Thursday night, bringing workplace gun violence closer to home for Evansville and Henderson residents.

Eight people were killed and others were wounded at an Indianapolis FedEx plant, near the city's airport. The suspected assailant, 29-year-old Brandon Scott Hole, killed himself. He had been an employee of FedEx.

It's been a few years, but this region has also seen workplace tragedies.

The most recent was on June 25, 2008, when a 25-year-old worker at Atlantis Plastics in Henderson named Wesley Neal Higdon killed his supervisor and four other employees before turning his weapon on himself.

Crescent Plastics on Evansville's North Side was the scene of a deadly shooting on July 25, 1991.

In that incident, W. Bernard "Buddy" Peak, 43, Crescent vice president of manufacturing, and Glenn Stahl, 53, the company's production foreman, were killed by Daryl D. McReynolds, then a 31-year-old former Crescent machinist.

McReynolds had threatened revenge after being fired. He was shot by police while leaving the plant, but he survived and later went to prison.

For local businesses of all types who want training in active shooter situations, or who want to freshen up some older plans, area law enforcement officials said they are available to help.

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